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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Czech Republic is currently preparing an amendment to Act No. 186/2013 Coll. on the Acquisition and Loss of Citizenship of the Czech Republic. As part of the legislative discussions, consideration is being given to the possible introduction of maximum annual capacity limit for the submission of applications for Czech citizenship (i.e. quota limiting the number of applications that may be lodged each year).

At the same time, such a measure may raise questions regarding its compatibility with the obligations arising from the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166), in particular Article 6(3), which provides that:

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“Each State Party shall provide in its internal law for the possibility of naturalisation of persons lawfully and habitually resident on its territory. In establishing the conditions for naturalisation, it shall not provide for a period of residence exceeding ten years before the lodging of an application.”

In this context, the Czech Republic seeks to obtain information on approaches adopted by other EU Member States regarding possible capacity-related limitations or other mechanisms affecting the submission or processing of applications for naturalisation/citizenship. The information gathered is intended to support the ongoing legislative assessment and evaluation of compatibility with relevant international obligations.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

We would very much appreciate your responses by **18 June 2026**.

1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO
2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis.
3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO
4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis.
5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain.

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6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO.

RESPONSES

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	EMN NCP Austria	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/a. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior

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			3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/a. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/a. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. The current government program (2025–2029) does not contain any details on this topic. ---
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			Source: Ministry of the Interior
 EMN NCP Belgium	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO NO 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO NO 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain.	

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			N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. NO
	EMN NCP Bulgaria	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. - 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. -

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			5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. - 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. -
	EMN NCP Croatia	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A. 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No.

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			4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A. 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A. 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
	 EMN NCP Cyprus	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO NO 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A

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			3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO NO 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. NO
	EMN NCP Czech Republic	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No.

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			2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. YES, The Czech Republic is considering introducing a mechanism (at the legislative level) limiting the amount of citizenship applications submitted yearly.
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	EMN NCP Estonia	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO There is no such limits in Estonia, a person may submit their naturalisation application multiple times if they feel that the relevant requirements are met. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A
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			6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
+	EMN NCP Finland	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO NO. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO NO. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A

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			5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. NO.
	EMN NCP France	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. In France, there is no quota limiting the number of citizenship applications that can be submitted each year. Anyone who meets the requirements may submit an application. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. France does not have quotas or any other mechanisms limiting the number of citizenship

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			applications processed during a given period. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No. France does not currently plan to introduce or expand quota-type mechanisms for processing citizenship applications.
	EMN NCP Germany	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No, there are currently no such mechanisms.

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		2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. n.a. 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No, there are currently no such mechanisms. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. n.a. 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. n.a. 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No, Germany is currently not considering to introduce such mechanisms.
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	EMN NCP Greece	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. Greece has not established any mechanism limiting the number of citizenship applications submitted or processed within a given period, however, examining the feasibility of the introduction of such a mechanism in the future within a given period is not abandoned. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. - 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. Greece has not established any mechanism limiting the number of citizenship applications submitted or processed within a given period, however, examining the feasibility of the introduction of such a mechanism in the future within a given period is not abandoned. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. - 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain.
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			- 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. -
 EMN NCP Hungary		Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO N/A 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis.

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			N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
	EMN NCP Ireland	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO

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			No 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No
	EMN NCP Italy	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No, at present the Italian legal system does not provide for mechanisms regulating or limiting the number of applications for citizenship.

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			2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No, no mechanisms are provided for regulating or limiting the number of applications for citizenship examined within a given period. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. At present, the introduction of a mechanism regulating the number of applications for
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			citizenship is not envisaged.
	EMN NCP Latvia	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/a 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/a 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain.

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			N/a 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
	EMN NCP Lithuania	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. Lithuania does not apply any quota or other formal mechanism limiting the number of citizenship or naturalisation applications processed within a given period. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis.

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			N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No
	EMN NCP Luxembourg	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. In Luxembourg any foreigner who fulfils the conditions established by the amended law of 8 March 2017 on nationality law to obtain nationality either via naturalization procedure or by one of the options can apply. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A.

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		3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO NO. Applications for naturalisation are made to the civil registrar of the commune of the applicant's usual place of residence. The applicant must appear in person before the civil registrar. They may be accompanied by a person of their choice. The naturalisation application must be signed by the applicant or their legal representative. Signature by proxy is not permitted. If the legal conditions are met and the application contains all the necessary documentation, the civil registrar will record the naturalisation application. They will then send the file without delay to the Ministry of Justice. If the file submitted is incomplete, the civil registrar will request that the applicant produce the missing documents. If the documents are not submitted within a period of 3 months, the naturalisation application will not be considered. A similar procedure is applied to the options. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A. 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain.
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			N/A. 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. NO.
	EMN NCP Netherlands	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO NO. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A. 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO NO. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A.

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			5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A. 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. NO.
	EMN NCP Poland	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. Not applicable 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No

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			4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. Not applicable 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. Not applicable 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No
	EMN NCP Portugal	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO NO 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A

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			3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO NO 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. NO
	EMN NCP Slovakia	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No.

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		2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. NA 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. NA 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. NA 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
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	EMN NCP Slovenia	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A
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			6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
	EMN NCP Spain	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A. 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No. 4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A.

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			5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A. 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
	EMN NCP Sweden	Yes	1. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications submitted within a given period? YES/NO No. 2. If you answered yes to Q.1, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 3. Are there currently any mechanisms in your country that regulate or limit the number of citizenship/naturalisation applications processed within a given period? YES/NO No.

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		4. If yes, please describe the mechanism and legal basis. N/A 5. If you answer yes to Q.1 and/or Q3, has your country identified any legal or practical concerns regarding the compatibility of such mechanisms with the European Convention on Nationality, particularly Article 6(3)? YES/NO. If you answer YES, can you please explain. N/A 6. Is your country considering introducing, modifying, or expanding such mechanisms in the future, including at the legislative level? YES/NO. No.
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